



2005 New Jersey Water Photography Contest

About The Contest

In honor of Earth Day 2005, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Division of Watershed Management is sponsoring the 2005 New Jersey Water Photography Contest, open to all New Jersey students grades 9 through 12. The winner will have his or her photo published on the NJDEP commemorative poster celebrating Earth Day, which will be distributed throughout New Jersey for 2005. The winner will also receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond and a complimentary Passport to New Jersey State Parks. A second place winner will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and a third place winner will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. In addition, all three winners will have their photos published in NJDEP's Watershed Focus newsletter.

For this year's contest, students are being asked to photograph a scene that reflects a quote by well-known poet Henry David Thoreau, **"A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is the earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."**

Through this contest, the NJDEP expects to raise awareness about how waterways are affected by their watersheds. A watershed is an area of land that drains into a particular body of water such as a river, lake or bay. A watershed can be as large as the Delaware River Basin that includes parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York and New Jersey or it can be as small as the section of your town that drains to a local lake.

New Jersey's waterways are greatly affected by how the land surrounding them is used, be it for housing, agriculture, commercial development or park and open space. The extent of the impact is greatly determined by the intensity of the use and the measures taken to minimize environmental impact. Measures can be as simple as encouraging individuals not to litter, to pick up after pets or to reduce the use of pesticides.

NJDEP's hope is that students will not only take time to appreciate New Jersey's water but will also be motivated to learn more about Earth Day and what they can do to protect the environment. To find out more about protecting water and watersheds, visit the Division of Watershed Management website at www.nj.gov/watershedmgt



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The Rules

The contest is open to all New Jersey High School students grades 9 through 12. To enter, students should submit a 35mm format color print that is at least 4 x 6 but no larger than 8 x 10; or a digital photograph on CD formatted as a JPEG with a resolution of at least 300 dpi and 5 x 7 dimensions along with a good quality print of the digital photograph. Photos may not be digitally altered. In addition, the student must compose an essay of 100 words or less describing how their photo reflects this year's quote. Submissions must be sent to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) at the address listed in the registration form below and be postmarked no later than Friday, March 4, 2005. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after this date. The attached entry form must accompany the entry. No more than one entry per student will be accepted. Each entry must be labeled with the student's name and address on the back of the print. The photograph must be taken in New Jersey and by the student submitting the entry. The location of where the photo was taken must also be identified by the student on the entry form.

Students must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with their entry if they would like it to be returned after the contest. Otherwise, all entries become property of the NJDEP. By submitting an entry, the student waives all rights to reproduction and publication reimbursement.

Winners shall be judged on interpretation of theme, creativity, overall composition and photographic quality. All judge's decisions are final. The official announcement of winners will be made as part of a ceremony to honor Earth Day. The winning photographers will be invited to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact contest coordinator, Eileen P. Thornton, by phone at (609) 292-2113, by email at Eileen.Thornton@dep.state.nj.us or by writing to the address below.

Registration Form

Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Student's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Title of Print _____

Where was it taken? (be specific: name county/township, watershed, nearby roadways, etc.)

SUBMIT ALL ENTRIES TO:

Eileen P. Thornton · NJ Water Photo Contest

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